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OUR POPULATION.

The twelfth census of the United States gives some interesting facts concerning the area of our country and its population.

At the first census in 1790 the United States comprised only the territory between the Atlantic ocean and the Mississippi river, a gross area of 827,844 square miles. In 1803 by the Louisiana purchase more than a million square miles were added, making the gross area 1,999,776 square miles. In 1819 by the purchase of the Floridas from Spain the area was increased to 2,059,043 square miles. By 1850 large acquisition of territory from Mexico increased the area to 2,980,059 square miles. By the Gadsden purchase in 1853 the gross area became 3,025,690, which is the present area. Alaska, 590,884 square miles, purchased from Russia in 1867, and the territory of Hawaii, 6,449 square miles, acquired by annexation in 1898, gives a total area of 3,622,933 square miles, which includes land and water surface. Counting the land surface only, this amounts to an average of 26.6 inhabitants to the square mile. This is an increase of five fold in the density of population in 110 years, though the increase in land area has been three and one-half times what it was in 1790. Rhode Island leads in density of population with 407 inhabitants to the square mile.

The center of population has moved gradually southward and westward. In 1800 it was about 23 miles east of Baltimore; in 1810 about 40 miles northwest of Washington; in 1820 about 16 miles north of Woodstock, Virginia; in 1830 about 19 miles southwest of Moorefield, West Virginia; in 1840 about 16 miles south of Clarksburg, West Virginia; in 1850 about 23 miles southeast of Parkersburg, West Virginia; in 1860 about 20 miles south of Chillicothe, Ohio; in 1870 about 48 miles northeast of Cincinnati, Ohio; in 1880, it went back to about where it was in 1860, and in 1890 it went to very near the same position it occupied in 1870. During the past decade it has moved about 14 miles west and about 3 miles south. This is a total movement of 519 miles since 1790.

Truly the course of empire westward takes its way. The recent rich oil finds and the great mineral wealth of the west and south will probably produce a decided advance in the next ten years.

MISSOURI FRUITS AND BERRIES.

In addition to having won the premium on strawberries at the Pan-American Exposition Missouri will have other fruits on exhibition later on. The Buffalo Evening News contains the following:

"Missouri intends to lead all the states in having the first exhibits of all kinds of fruit of this year in the horticulture building.

"On the 12th of June she will exhibit raspberries, on the 16th dewberries, blackberries on the 24th and apples the first week in July. Among varieties of early apples she will exhibit are Red June, Red Astrachan, early harvest, Duchess of Oldenberg and Lowell. Commissioner Bell states that Missouri has over 1000 different varieties of apples, but she will exhibit only those of commercial value.

"Following apples, the plums and peaches of the state will be exhibited, all of which, like the strawberries, will be weeks ahead of all rival states."

Though Mrs. Botha is at the Hague trying to get the Boer war before the art of arbitration, it is practically led before hand that the Boer question is barred from the court on the ground that the Boer states are not legally organized. Having been defeated by England the Boers must be humiliated for their failure to gain their liberty.

Though the date of the coronation of England's king has not yet been settled and it is at least a year in the future it is causing a great deal of stir in London's high social circles. At the present rate of progress made by the republican party towards imperialism we must be many years behind them in the coronation of the first king of America.

McKinley has declined a third term and may not run for president again, but the principles represented by him are the principles advocated by the republican party and it makes little difference who is the republican figurehead, the democrats want to down the republican principles.

The war department, in a compilation of reports covering a period up to April 17, 1901, claims to show that the Philippine Insurrection is dying. Judging from the times the Philippine insurrection has been dying it would appear to have as many lives as a cat.

Reading the Declaration of Independence on the coming Fourth of July before the echoes of the supreme court decision have died away, will make the spread-eagle oratorical flights concerning this lovely land of liberty and freedom fall rather flat.

The latest effort at improvement in Parisian morals is an order from the police department forbidding the cabbies to swear. Should the order be strictly enforced Paris will lose one of its most noticeable street features.

The latest fad of French duelists is to invite the fair sex to witness the performance. We presume that they are assured before hand that no blood will be spilled.

Condensed News.

Nevada, Mo. is to have free rural delivery commencing July 1st, 1901.

The transport "Ingalls" capsized while in dry dock at the Erie Basin, South Brooklyn, last Friday, and one man was killed outright and a number were injured.

A tornado near Memphis, Texas, last Friday demolished the homes of several persons and two persons were killed outright and several more probably fatally injured.

The jury in the Lulu Prince Kennedy trial brought in a verdict Saturday morning of murder in the second degree and fixed her punishment at ten years in the penitentiary.

The Commercial club of Leavenworth entertained last week a committee from Platte City and Platte county. The purpose was to consider the proposition of connecting the two towns by an electric line.

The annual summer meeting of the Missouri Press association will be held in the LaClede hotel in St. Louis July 13 and 14. At the conclusion of business an excursion trip will be made to the Pan-American exposition.

The Dwyer Brothers' Mercantile company, of St. Louis, made an assignment Saturday for the benefit of their creditors. Their liabilities are \$225,000, with assets, including accounts of about \$375,000. It is probable that creditors will be paid in full.

Reports from London Saturday give an account of another battle between the British and DeWet. The Boers were finally defeated with considerable loss of supplies, consisting of a wagon train and a large number of cattle. The British loss was also considerable.

A monument to Mrs. Bradley T. Johnson, wife of General Johnson, has been unveiled in Baltimore. During the civil war Mrs. Johnson was instrumental in procuring comforts for the confederate soldiers. She followed her husband in all the camps and devoted herself to the care of sick and wounded. After the war she aided greatly in establishing soldiers' homes.

Mr. Clyde Wright, formerly of this city but now of Kansas City, has been recently elected secretary and treasurer of the Union Live Stock Commission company, for which he has been working since he left here to make his home in that city. This is one of the strong live stock firms of Kansas City and Mr. Wright is deserving of much credit for the energy and push by which he has won for himself this important position.

Telegram From Moving Vessels.

St. Louis Republic.
Liverpool, June 15.—The first practical demonstration of the feasibility of telegraphing by the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy from a moving ship was made today when the Cunard Liner Lucania sailed from this port.

From signal station erected at Holyhead and on board the training ship Conway, the latter lying in the Mersey, messages from aboard the Lucania while she was at sea were received. The first message was from Major Flood Page of the Marconi company, congratulating the Cunard company for its enterprise and wishing them good luck.

Following the official dispatch came the following from the Republic and Herald correspondent aboard the ship, which read:

"Accept my congratulations on receipt of the first wireless message from the Cunarder Lucania. When the installation at Nantucket lights is completed next month, hundreds of voyagers will have reason to be grateful to your enterprise, thus curtailing the isolation, which is one of the greatest drawbacks of an ocean voyage. Good luck! Good by!"

The installation referred to is the placing of a Marconi receiver on the Nantucket, Mass., shore, which will announce the arrival of ships several hours earlier than heretofore, and enable passengers to communicate with friends in an emergency. These messages were received via the ship Conroy. Passing beyond the sphere of "influence" of that station, the Lucania soon came within that of Holyhead, where the operator received the following morsel of gossip concerning the wireless telegraph and its application to passenger steamers:

Mr. Daniel W. Howland, of Boston, said:

"I suppose I shall see, eventually, an edition of a newspaper printed in midocean, news from either shore being supplied by wireless messages. Life would then be worth living between England and America."

Mr. Isaac Untermyer, member of a prominent New York law firm, was judiciously temperate in his enthusiasm over the innovation.

"Wait till Marconi has his system perfected," he said, "so we can talk from New York to London without wires; then there will be something to boast of. I am afraid, though, if ever they succeed in establishing such connection busy men who go to Europe for a vacation will have their receivers hung up rather than be worried by incessant inquiries over business affairs. Just think of the prospect of being interviewed by 'wireless' reporters!"

Navigate the Air July 4.

Kansas City Journal.

Two men from Olathe, Kas., Wheeler and McClure, have the model of an airship at 560 Walnut street in which they say they will make an ascension at Kansas City July 4. Like all airship inventors, they are very sanguine.

"Our invention is like the upper part of two balloons cut off," said one. "The two upper parts of the balloons are held by hollow steel shafts. These two shafts pull the balloons down and up. They are worked by motive power, which will be built as light as can be made to do the work, which will be placed in a boat about like a sunfish with two half balloons at its mouth to pull it forward in the air, and a rudder, or tail, to guide it. This one that we propose to raise on July 4 will be forty feet across and shafts ten feet long. This will require the sunfish boat to be fifteen feet deep through the middle and five feet wide. Have to have room inside to use our propeller."

Farmers in the vicinity of Dover think that their wheat crop will yield fairly well. The dry weather has cut the yield down however considerably.

Mr. J. M. Armentrout, who lives near Corder, recently celebrated the 68th anniversary of his birthday by inviting to his home the directors of the Patrons Mutual Insurance Co., of which board of directors he is a member. All greatly enjoyed the hospitality of himself and his excellent wife.

DIFFICULT QUESTIONS

Getting a pair of new shoes is a cause of worry to most people, and the following difficult questions naturally arise:

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